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# Crop Report

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## For the Period May 1 to 7, 2012

Five per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is approximately 4 per cent seeded.

Thirteen per cent of the crop is seeded in the southwest, five per cent in the southeast, four per cent in the northwest, two per cent in the east-central area, two per cent in the west-central area and one per cent in the northeast.

Most of the province received significant rainfall during the past week that has further delayed seeding. This week's precipitation has ranged from trace amounts in the northwestern region to over 100 mm in west-central areas, causing seeding delays. Fieldwork has also been delayed in the east-central and southeastern regions of the province due to very wet field conditions.

Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 35 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is 23 per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate, two per cent short and one per cent very short.

Farmers are busy moving cattle to pasture and trying to seed.

### One year ago

One per cent of the 2011 crop had been seeded. Seeding was delayed in much of the province due to excess moisture.

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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops	
May 7/12	5
5 year avg. (2007-2011)	4
May 2/11	1
May 6/10	2
May 4/09	4
May 4/08	4
May 6/07	10

### Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

The deadline to seed all classes of chickpeas is May 21. This is also the deadline to seed camelina in the brown soil zone.

Producers who selected the Contract Price Option should provide all production contract information to Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation by May 31. Khorasan wheat contract information must also be submitted by this date.

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### **Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)**

Five per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded in the southeastern region. At this point, crop reporters are indicating that nine per cent of the acres will not be seeded this spring due to excess moisture.

Significant rainfall during the week has delayed any further seeding operations. The Pense and Rocanville areas recorded the greatest amount of precipitation at 77 mm and 76 mm, respectively. The Vibank area received 64 mm, the Lampman area 55 mm, the Radville area 45 mm, the Moose Jaw area 39 mm and the Ceylon area 22 mm. The Tantallon and Indian Head areas have recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (148 mm and 135 mm, respectively). Crop reporters have indicated that warm and dry conditions are needed in the coming weeks as many fields are saturated and may remain unseeded again this year.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 62 per cent surplus, 37 per cent adequate and one per cent short. CDs 1A, 1B and 2A are reporting surplus topsoil moisture at 88 per cent, 90 per cent and 80 per cent, respectively. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 41 per cent surplus and 59 per cent adequate.

There are reports of localized flooding in winter wheat fields, in pastures and on access roads. Weeds need to be controlled in winter cereal fields, but the excess moisture has delayed spraying. Hail was reported throughout the week in the Vibank, Moosomin and Indian Head areas.

Farmers are busy pre-working fields, spraying weeds, moving cattle to pasture and seeding.

### **Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)**

Thirteen per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded in the southwestern region. CDs 3BS, 4A and 4B are the furthest advanced in seeding, at 18, 34 and 27 per cent, respectively. At this point, crop reporters are indicating that two per cent of the acres will not be seeded due to excess moisture.

The region recorded varying amounts of precipitation over the weekend that has halted seeding operations. The Central Butte area received 76 mm, the Kyle area 64 mm, the Bengough area 55 mm, the Ponteix area 28 mm, the Gull Lake area 26 mm and the Maple Creek area received 20 mm. The Cadillac area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (134 mm).

Crop reporters have indicated that the majority of the cropland, hay land and pasture have adequate topsoil moisture. CD 3AN has the largest amount of cropland with surplus moisture (37 per cent).

Rainfall has delayed seeding in most of the region, although there are reports that producers in the southern area of the region are back in the field. There are also

reports of early seeded peas and wheat emerging. Gull Lake received a light frost Sunday night, while the Cypress Hill area received two to three inches of snow.

Farmers are busy seeding, calving, controlling weeds and picking rocks.

### **East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)**

Farmers in the east-central region have two per cent of the crop in the ground. Significant rainfall over the weekend has halted fieldwork and seeding operations. At this time, eight per cent of the cropland is not expected to be seeded due to excess moisture problems.

The east-central region received varying amounts of precipitation over the past week. The Bradwell area has recorded the greatest amount of rain (72 mm). The Elfros area received 65 mm of rain, the Leroy area 56 mm, the Goodeve area 50 mm, the Quill Lake area 48 mm and the Raymore area 22 mm. The Goodeve and Elfros areas are virtually tied in having received the most precipitation since April 1 (178 mm and 173 mm, respectively).

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 54 per cent surplus and 46 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 50 percent surplus and 50 per cent adequate.

There are indications that some farmers are planning to use alternative seeding methods such as airplanes and spreaders due to the excess moisture. Some fields that were flooded last year are reported to be in worse condition this year due to last week's rainfall. There are reports of expanding sloughs washing out roads.

Farmers are busy heavy harrowing, picking rocks, controlling weeds and seeding.

### **West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)**

Farmers in the region have two per cent of the crop in the ground. Seeding has been delayed due to a significant rainfall throughout the region last week. There is some localized field flooding that will need time to dry up before seeding can begin. At this time, four per cent of the cropland is not expected to be seeded due to excess moisture.

Significant rainfall over the past week has helped to recharge dry soil in much of the region. The Outlook area received 100 mm of precipitation over the past week, raising the total amount of precipitation it has received since April 1 to 143 mm. The Hanley area received 76 mm of precipitation, the Rosetown area 72 mm, the Tramping Lake area 69 mm, the Major area 57 mm and the Kindersley area 50 mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 37 per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 20 per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate and two per cent short.

There are indications that seeding will begin again this week. Although weed and pasture grass growth has been slow, farmers are beginning to move cattle to pasture. Many corrals have been flooded but are drying up quickly.

Farmers are busy harrowing, controlling weeds, moving cattle to pasture and seeding.

### **Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)**

Less than one per cent of the crop has been seeded in the northeastern region. There are reports of peas and lentils going in the ground. At this time, there are indications that three per cent of the cropland will not be seeded this year due to excess moisture.

Precipitation ranged from 10 mm to 65 mm across the region this past week. The Arborfield area received 10 mm, the Tisdale area 14 mm, the Prince Albert area 22 mm, the Alvena area 48 mm and the Humboldt area 65 mm.

Thirty-three per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture while 67 per cent has adequate moisture. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus and 86 per cent adequate.

The majority of farmers have not begun seeding due to the cool, wet weather conditions, although most farmers will begin in the next week. There are reports of standing water in low-lying areas and weeds actively growing.

Farmers are busy controlling weeds, heavy harrowing and seeding.

### **Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

Four per cent of the crop has been seeded. There are reports of wheat and peas being sown.

The region received varying amounts of precipitation this past week which has helped to alleviate dry conditions in some areas. The Duck Lake region received the greatest amount of precipitation, with 39 mm falling on May 6. The Radisson area received 24 mm, the Neilburg area 21 mm and the Glaslyn area 13 mm. The Barthel and Frenchman Butte regions received only trace amounts of moisture.

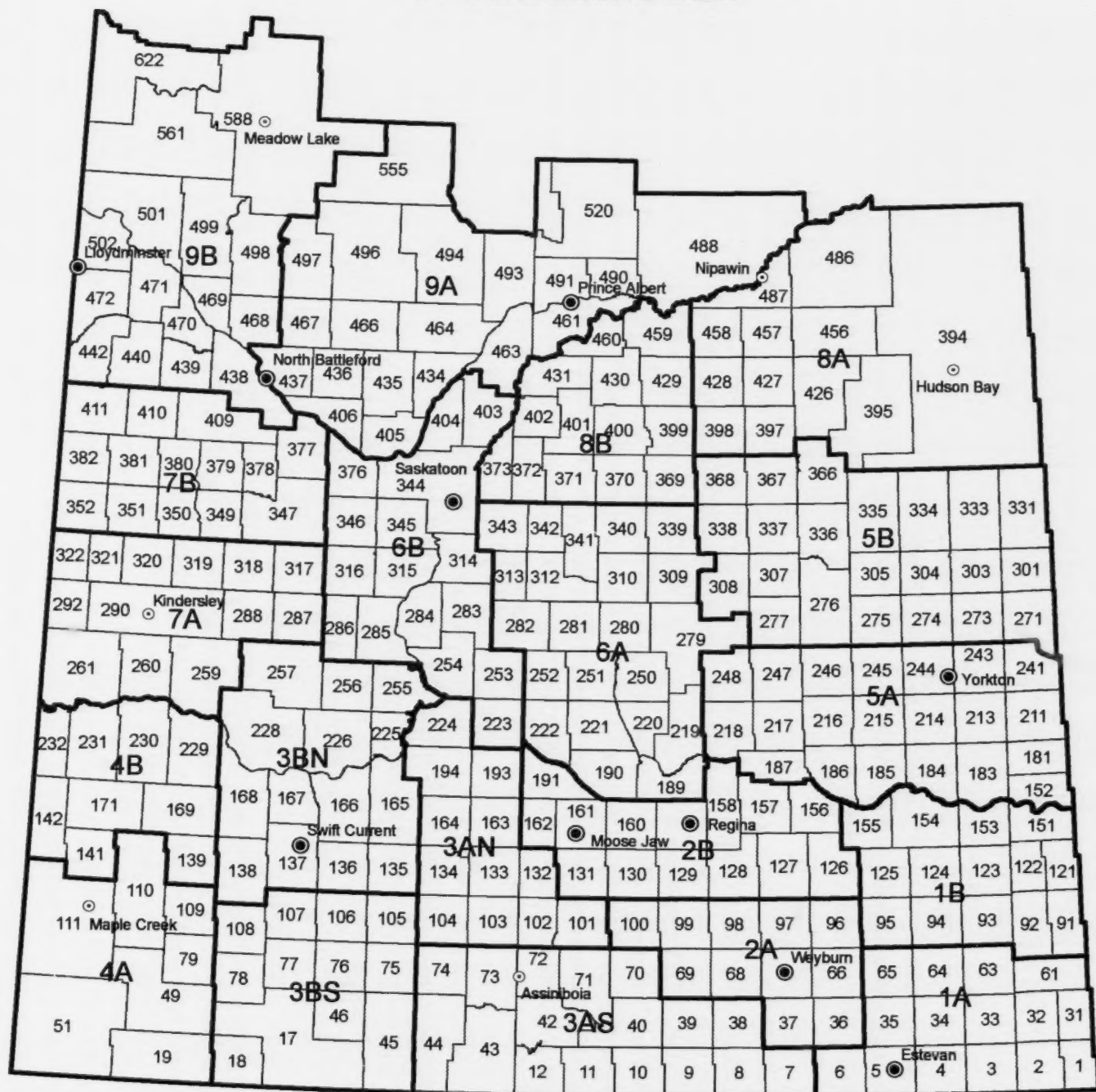
Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 92 per cent adequate and six per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 87 per cent adequate, 12 per cent short and one per cent very short.

There are reports of supplemental feeding of cattle herds being necessary in some areas as freezing night temperatures have slowed pasture growth.

Farmers are busy controlling gophers and weeds, moving cattle to pasture and seeding.

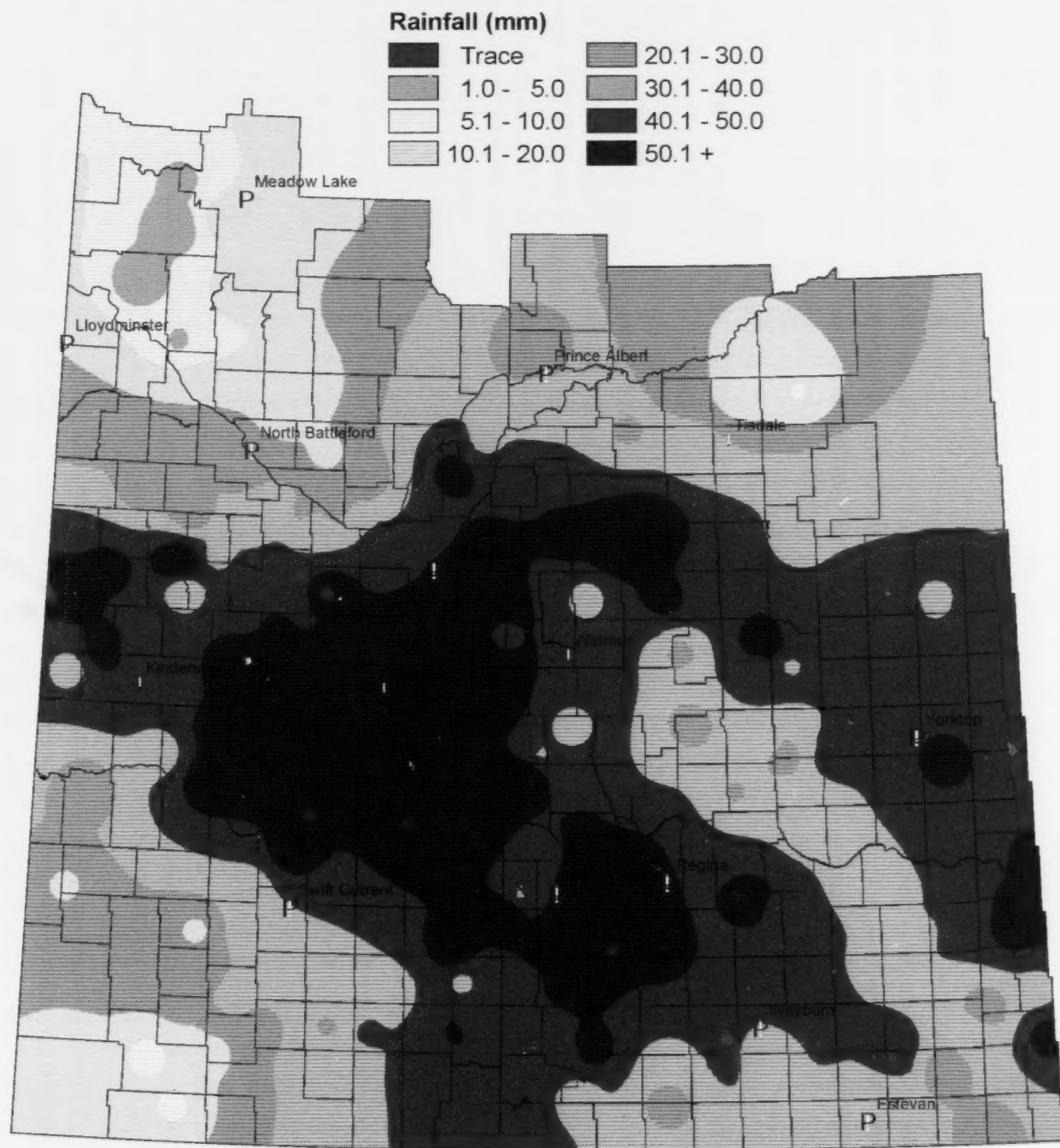


# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



# Weekly Rainfall

## for the week ending May 7, 2012



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# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 1 to 7, 2012

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	46	4A	19	Frontier	8	70	7B	347 A	Biggar	42	87
	2	Mount Pleasant	25	83		49	White Valley	5	49		347 B	Biggar	42	69
	3	Enniskillen	30	102		51	Reno	10	46		350 A	Mariposa	68.6	95
	33	Moose Creek	20	91		79	Arlington	17	75		350 B	Mariposa	31	59
	34	Browning	41	105		109	Carmichael	26	99		351	Progress	54	109
	81 A	Antler	55	134		110	Papot	21	56		352	Hear's Hill	57	100
	81 B	Antler	N/A	NIL		111	Maple Creek	N/A	2		377	Glenide	29	76
	83	Moose Mountain	38	119	4B	139	Gull Lake	18	63		378 A	Rosemount	41	87
	84	Brook	44	113		141	Big Stick	20	73		378 B	Rosemount	38	77
	85	Tecumash	40	91		142	Enterprise	19	66		379	Reford	38	87
1B	91	Maryfield	37	98		189	Pittville	N/A	48		381	Grass Lake	N/A	37
	92	Welpole	21	126		231	Happyland	23	72		409 A	Buffalo	N/A	43
	95	Golden West	39	104	5A	183	Fertile Belt	54	137		409 B	Buffalo	21	53
	122	Marlin	55	134		198	Abernethy	31	98		410	Round Valley	25.4	26
	123	Silverwood	46	113		211	Churchbridge	45	88		411	Sentia	N/A	47
	124	Kingsley	38	95		213	Saltcoats	55	122	6A	395	Porcupine	36	111
	151 A	Rocanville	45	140		214	Cana	N/A	N/A		397	Barrier Valley	48.7	88
	151 B	Rocanville	76	148		218	Tullymet	33	105		428	Star City	35	95
	153	Willowdale	44	98		217	Lipton	29	105		456	Arboretum	9.5	83
	154	Elcabo	32	110		241	Calder	48	76		457	Connaught	14	83
	155	Wolsley	34	122		243	Wallace	47	67		458	Willow Creek	20	62
2A	96	Griffin	N/A	N/A		245 A	Garry	N/A	N/A		488	Moose Range	N/A	42
	87	Weyburn	31	60		245 B	Garry	50	178		487	Nipawin	11.5	106
	88	Brokenshell	52	87		245 C	Garry	35	132	8B	399	St. Peter	65	115
	89	Norton	N/A	N/A		248	Ituna Bon Accord	20	115		370	Humboldt	64	112
	97	Wellington	44	78		247	Kelross	36	124		371	Bayne	55	90
2B	127 A	Francis	39.5	96		248	Touchwood	22	56		372	Grant	54.5	86
	127 B	Francis	64.4	82	5B	271	Cole	40	78		402	Fish Creek	48	80
	129	Bratt's Lake	55	87		278	Foam Lake	39	126		429	Felt's Springs	29	63
	131	Baldon	73	96		277	Emerald	45	152		459	Kinistino	N/A	40
	156	Indian Head	41	135		305	Invermay	41	85		460	Birch Hills	N/A	N/A
	160 A	Pense	51	80		307	Elthos	65	173	6AE	461	Prince Albert	34	81
	160 B	Pense	77	105		308	Big Quill	26	97		488	Torch River	20	29
	161	Moose Jaw	50	99		333 A	Clayton	37	90		491	Buckland	22.1	72
	162	Caron	39	105		334	Presceville	46	76	6AW	406	Maryfield	24	69
	191	Margolis	44	78		336	Sasman	40	143		435	Redberry	25	91
3AISE	38 A	Laurier	45	81		337	Lakeview	48	111		436	Douglas	16	62
	38 B	Laurier	34	67		338	Lakeside	43	100		463	Duck Lake	38.5	82
	38 A	The Gap	22	67		386	Kelvington	37	119		464	Leask	N/A	15
	39 B	The Gap	35	77	6A	190 A	Dufferin	50	96		467 A	Round Hill	10	58
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	39	98		190 B	Dufferin	52	98		467 B	Round Hill	10	62
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	25		190 C	Dufferin	51	85		494	Canwood	N/A	56
	40	Bengough	35	51		190 D	Dufferin	55	122		497	Medstead	N/A	23
	42	Willow Bunch	46	75		219	Longlakeston	36	80	6B	438	Battle River	24	75
	43	Old Post	46	69		220	Midknap	41	97		440	Hillsdale	N/A	23
	44	Waverley	45	96		221	Sarnia	N/A	55		442	Manitou Lake	20.6	59
	70	Koy West	55	86		222	Craig	57	118		468 B	Meota	N/A	38
	71	Excel	46	69		251	Big Arm	36	93		468 A	Parkdale	13	86
	73 A	Stonehenge	53.6	81		252	Arm River	39	84		498 B	Parkdale	6	42
	73 B	Stonehenge	40	88		279	Mount Hope	N/A	37		499	Mervin	4	50
	74	Wood River	42.5	79		282	McCraney	54	91		501 A	Frenchman Butte	1	51
3AN	101	Tenell	57	99		309	Prairie Rose	40	115		501 B	Frenchman Butte	6	43
	102	Lake Johnston	49.8	92		313	Lost River	47	75		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	66
	103	Sutton	38	76		339	Leroy	36.4	139		561	Loon Lake	1	41
	104	Gravelbourg	40	61		340	Wolverine	35	78		588 A	Meadow Lake	10	40
	132	Hillborough	58	94		341	Viscount	46	78		588 B	Meadow Lake	4	43
	134	Shamrock	63	97		343	Blucher	72	119		588 C	Meadow Lake	12	34
	164	Chaplin	N/A	18		263	Rosedale	66	98		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	42
	163 A	Eyebrow	50	90	6B	284	Rudy	100	143		622	Beaver River	N/A	46
	163 B	Eyebrow	65	127		285	Fertile Valley	66	109					
	194	Enfield	76	116		286	Milden	74	110					
3BS	17	Val Marie	35	134		314	Dundurn	76	109					
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A		344	Coman Park	43	74					
	45	Manikota	36	96		348	Perdue	62	128					
	75 A	Pinto Creek	42	115		376 A	Eagle Creek	N/A	47					
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	76 A	Auvergne	33	81		403	Rosthern	55	87					
	76 B	Auvergne	28	82		259	Snake Lake	56	107					
	77	Wise Creek	24	81	7A	290 A	Newcombe	34	83					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	24	85		290 B	Newcombe	N/A	66					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	15	77		287	St. Andrews	72	123					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	19	84		288	Pleasant Valley	65	118					
	105	Glenbain	31	80		290	Kindersley	42	64					
	106	Whiska Creek	35	90		292	Milton	37	96					
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	53		317 A	Marriott	63	101					
	108	Bone Creek	37	87		317 B	Marriott	48	91					
3BN	138	Webb	33	71		318	Mountain View	43	90					
	166	Excelsior	83	129		320 A	Oskdale	50	100					
	167	Sask. Landing	57	101		320 B	Oskdale	46	93					
	168	Riverside	37	74		321	Prairieville	57	122					
	226	Victory	N/A	31										
	228	Lacadena	39	96										
	257	Monet	64	107										

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

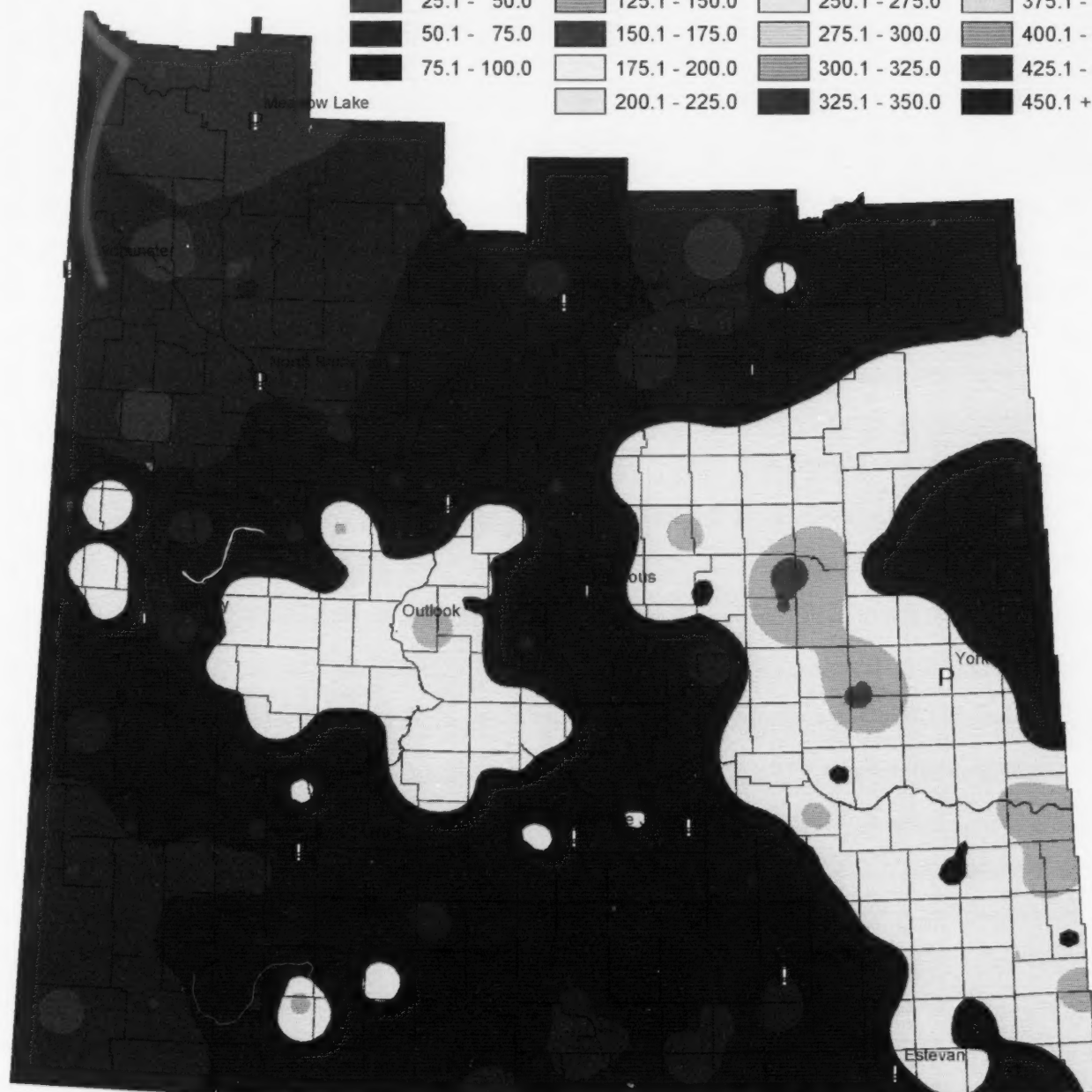
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From: April 1, 2012

To: May 7, 2012

## Rainfall (mm)

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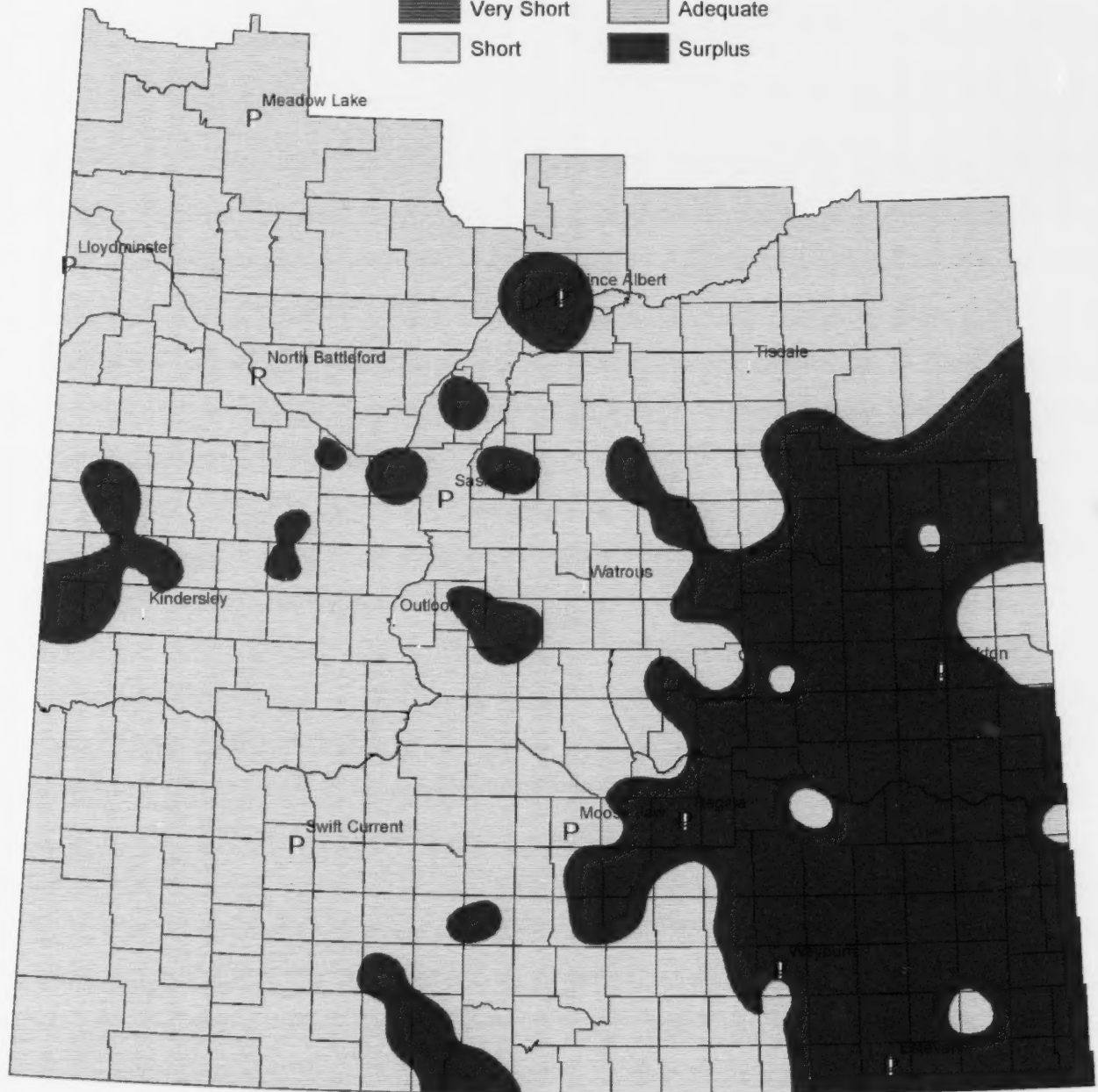
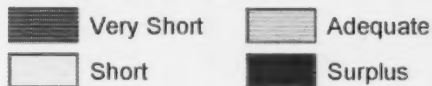
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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 8, 2012

## Moisture Conditions

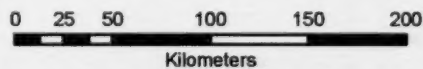


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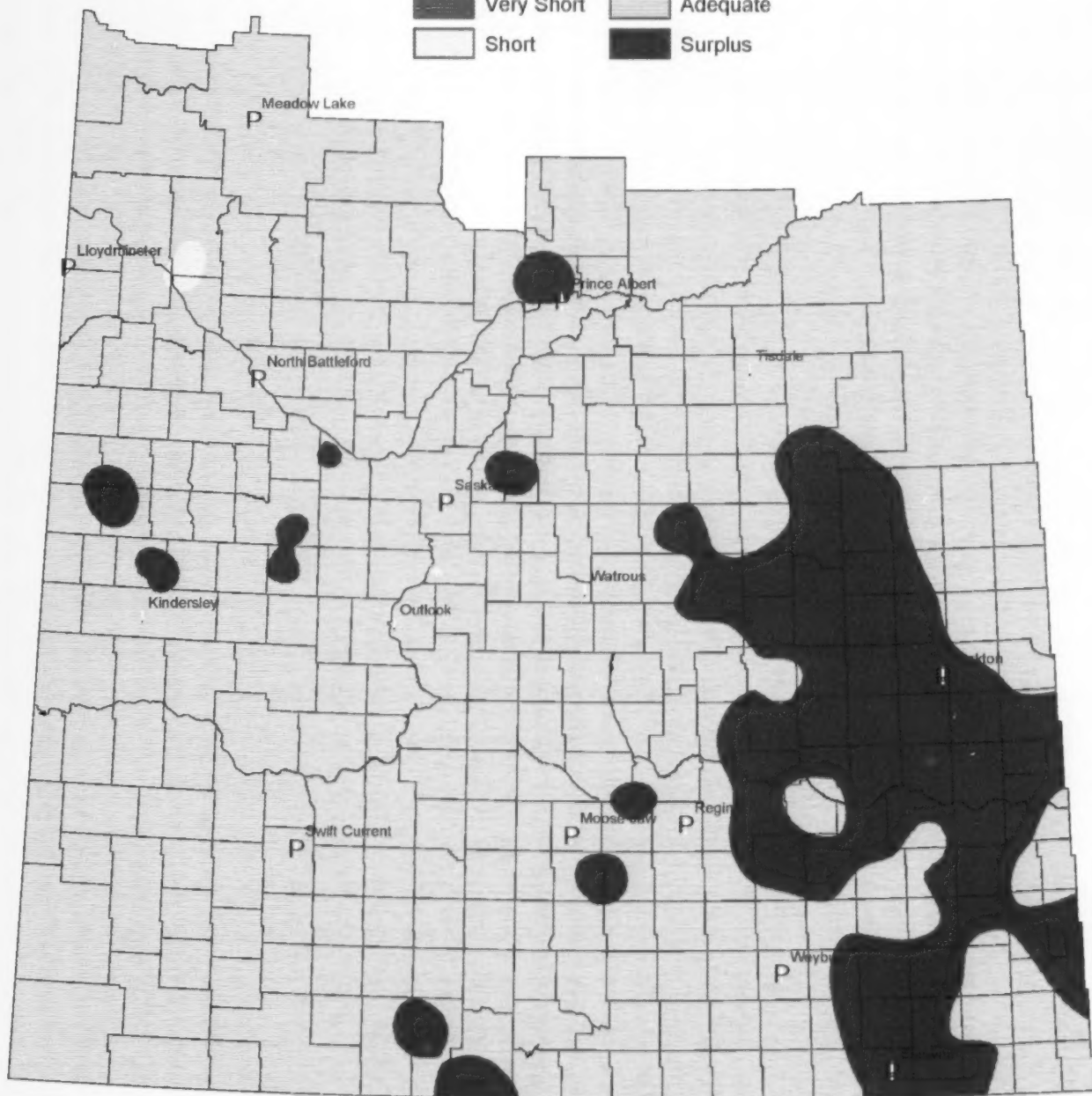
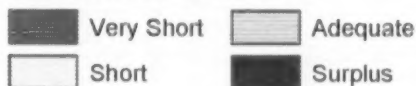
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## May 8, 2012

### Moisture Conditions

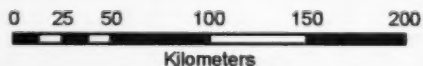


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